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Maine East High School loses homecoming game, but still sets field ablaze

By Igor Studenkov
For Sun-Times Media | @isudenkov

Rain and a soccer loss put a damper on Maine East High School's homecoming festivities Thursday night, but students still managed to celebrate the annual fall rite.

Time was on the high school's side for most of the night, though. While lightning kept flashing near Memorial Stadium during the Oct. 3 boys soccer game and the firelight rally that followed, rain held off until the festivities ended and most students were on their way home.

The impending storm didn't deter students and parents from coming to watch the Maine East Blue Demons face off against Niles North Vikings, and the crowd was even larger by the time the firelight rally began.

Maine East seniors Javed Lukovic and Emily DeLeon were named homecoming king and queen during Thursday evening's firelight rally at the school. To his right is queen Emily DeLeon. | Brian Omahoney/For Sun-Times Media

The school honored their fall athletic teams, and cheerleaders and dancers got a chance to perform. And while technical difficulties marred the proceedings, students tried their best to put on a good event in spite of them.

The Blue Demons eventually lost the soccer match 0-4, with applause and cheers from the Viking supporters drowned out the Blue Demons supporters' boos.

As the game wrapped up, homecoming court and members of the other sports teams made their way down to the field for the Firelight Rally.

Despite audio problems, students performed with enthusiasm. Cheerleaders performed their routine flawlessly, earning thunderous applause. And when the music did start — at a lower volume than expected — the dance team made up for lost time, with audience singing along.

Javid Lukovic was crowned homecoming king, while Emily DeLeon was crowned homecoming queen.

The firelight rally finished the way it always does — setting the letters "M" and "E" on fire. The school planned to accompany it with fireworks, but concerns over impending rain put a kibosh on that.

Maine East seniors Javed Lukovic and Emily DeLeon were named homecoming king and queen Thursday evening's. | Brian Omahoney/For Sun-Times Media

Maine East seniors Javed Lukovic and Emily DeLeon were named homecoming king and queen Thursday evening's. To the left is student council president Aasumi Shah, to the right is vice president Falak Mitza. | Brian Omahoney/For Sun-Times Media
Arlene Eribach of Morton Grove is thanking everyone she can, after getting enough online votes to become a finalist in the nationwide Pillsbury Bake-Off competition.

Online voting was used for the first time in Pillsbury's 45-year competition, and it decided which of the 180 semifinalists would go to Las Vegas on Nov. 10 to bake side-by-side against each other for the best overall recipes.

Ninety finalists were chosen, 30 from each category: breakfast, appetizers and dinners.

For one long week last month, Eribach called relatives she hadn't talked to in years, as well as neighbors, friends and former colleagues. She was even a guest speaker at the Morton Grove Farmer's Market, handing out samples of her cranberry dark chocolate flatbread.

"This was like a part-time job, doing all I did to get those votes," Eribach said. "Emails, going to events and places I do regular business with." 

Pillsbury did not disclose the vote totals.

Eribach also believes a recent Pioneer Press article profiling her passion for baking helped garner votes.

"I don't drive, so I usually use Niles Flash Cab, a local small family-owned company," Eribach said. "When I called for a cab one day during the voting period, the dispatcher had seen the article and was getting the drivers to vote for me. The support has blown me away."

Eribach called the cab company Oct. 2 to express her gratitude and the dispatcher posted signs throughout the building so all the drivers could learn of their success.

When Eribach arrives in Las Vegas, she will bake her cranberry dark chocolate flatbread on the biggest stage.

First place gets a $1 million prize, second place gets a $10,000 prize and $3,000 worth of kitchenware, and third place gets a $5,000 prize and $2,000 worth of kitchenware.

Other sponsors also give prizes of lesser value.

The competition challenges bakers to create a recipe using only seven ingredients, with at least two Pillsbury products or one Pillsbury product and one item from a list of other sponsors — which include JIF peanut butter, Smuckers, Crisco and Eagle.

The inventions are judged on creativity, taste, appearance and consumer appeal.

Eribach was a finalist last year and got flown to Orlando for to bake her smoky onion custard tart in person. An online voting component wasn't a factor then; Eribach's previous trip was based solely on judges' opinions.

Pillsbury does limit the number of times a family can be represented as a finalist in the competition. A parent, spouse or child can only be a finalist three times. Eribach hopes to win a prize this year, but she's also exhilarated to see if she can be a finalist three consecutive times.

"I don't know what to think," she said. "I have two friends that made it three times in a row. A lot is luck, but I'm curious to know if I would have been picked as one of the finalists had they not done the voting."
Bus-wrecked animal shelter looks for new home

Wright-Way Animal Shelter considering spot in Morton Grove

BY RICK KAMBIC
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Just two days after a bus crashed into their building last week, volunteers at Wright-Way Animal Shelter promptly turned around and found homes for all 85 of the wrecked shelter's dogs and cats.

Now, they're looking for a new home for the shelter itself.

Christy Anderson, the director and founder of Wright-Way, said about 75 animals were scheduled to arrive at the Niles complex on Friday, Oct. 4, but the crash Wednesday afternoon left the no-kill shelter with few options.

"We couldn't keep anything in our building, and finding foster homes for that many animals would have been difficult," Anderson said. "We slapped together an adoption drive the night before (Thursday) and the turnout was tremendous."

Wright-Way already had about a dozen animals in the building at the time of the crash. Anderson said those dogs and cats were taken to safety, and then the volunteer staff immediately went to work moving everything of value into storage down the street.

With little time before the shipment of rescued animals was due, Anderson blasted her contacts and social media feeds hoping to find as many homes as possible.

"We said the drive would be Friday and Saturday, but all 85 were adopted on Friday," Anderson said. "We ended up inviting three other rescues to the Saturday event."

Wright-Way collected about $33,000 in donations on both days, including a $10,000 grant from DuPage Community Foundation.

"It's definitely nice to realize how well-respected we are, but not at this cost," Anderson said.

Wright-Way officials are scrambling to find a new home because they're unsure if their landlord will invest in repairing the structure.

The nonprofit rescue was at odds with the building's owners in February 2011 after shelter volunteers saw a development company touring their facility. At the time, Wright-Way was midway through a three-year lease with two five-year renewal options, but claimed the property owner changed the lease to month-by-month.

Wright-Way began fundraising efforts in May 2011 in hopes of one day buying their own building.

Anderson said she visited with Morton Grove Mayor Dan DiMaria on Monday, Oct. 7 to discuss a piece of land Wright-Way is interested in buying. She declined to say where the land is in Morton Grove or how much it costs.

Another factor, which Anderson was unsure of, involves how much time and money would be needed to renovate a new building to meet government standards for kenneling. She also said Wright-Way was not planning on moving before the bus crash.

Approximately 125 rescued dogs and cats are held up at Wright-Way's southern Illinois intake center. Anderson said she hopes to have another adoption drive soon, because every day wasted means more dogs and cats get euthanized.
Niles drivers should expect delays and detours later this month when both of the village's Metra railroad crossings close for repairs.

The crossing at the intersection of Touhy and Lehigh avenues will be closed between Oct. 9 and 18, while the crossing at the intersection of Howard Street and Lehigh Avenue will be closed from Oct. 23 through Nov. 1.

The closings are part of Metra's ongoing efforts to refurbish the railroad crossings on the Milwaukee District North Line, which runs between downtown Chicago and Fox Lake. While Metra has closed intersections in the past to perform routine maintenance, agency spokesman Mike Gillis says these repairs will be more thorough.

"That [project] consists of taking a rough railroad crossing and replacing everything — the rails, the ties, the asphalt," he said.

These repairs should make the crossing smoother for drivers and trains alike, Gillis said.

The project is already underway further north. The Dempster Street intersection was closed on Oct. 2, and it will reopen Oct. 18.

While the Dempster crossing is located between a forest preserve, a residential development and a small shopping strip, the Great Point Plaza retail area is located north of Touhy, while the Village Crossing Shopping Center is located on the other side. Audio accessory manufacturer Shure's headquarters are located immediately northeast of the crossing. Drivers would still be able to access those areas, but they would need to use detours to go any further west.

The Howard/Lehigh crossing is located at the heart of Niles' industrial area. Gross Point Road, another industrial thoroughfare, feeds into Lehigh Avenue near the intersection. On an average weekday, the intersection sees larger-than-average truck volume. Because of the trucks' sheer size and mass, it takes them longer to turn and back out onto the road, which can tie up the traffic even further.

Gillis said Metra schedules wouldn't be affected by the construction work.

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Niles picks new assistant village manager

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
For Sun-Times Media I @natwaz

Niles has a new assistant village manager, rounding out the town's administrative team.

Hadley Skeffington-Vos assumed the $92,000-a-year post Oct. 8.

She takes over duties previously handled by Village Manager Steve Vinezeano, who became Niles' top administrator after manager George Van Geem left last December.

Skeffington-Vos was one of 11 candidates from a pool of 130 applicants interviewed for the assistant village manager position. Vinezeano said he enlisted the help of administrators from Northfield, Glenview, Arlington Heights and Lincolnwood to meet with his top four candidates before making a selection.

Vinezeano announced the hiring over the weekend in a press release, noting Skeffington-Vos' "strong management, analysis and financial skills."

Skeffington-Vos most recently worked in Sterling as the assistant to the city manager after having joining the management team there as an intern in 2011.

 Though she is both young in her career and new to Niles, Vinezeano said Skeffington-Vos' personal drive made her stand out.
POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in the official reports of the Morton Grove and Niles police departments. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

NILES

DRUG POSSESSION
Donald Ledbetter, 54, of 8020 Osceola Ave., Niles, was charged with felony possession of marijuana on Sept. 28 after police responded to an activated burglar alarm at his home. According to police, the officers noticed signs of forced entry and entered the residence. While searching a bedroom, the officers discovered four, gallon-sized, clear plastic bags containing 496 grams of suspected marijuana under and near the bed, police said. Ledbetter has an Oct. 9 court date.

DUI
Patricia Mitchell-Murray, 53, of 9078 Heathwood Circle, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence and speeding on the morning of Sept. 28. She was taken into custody at Dee and Golf Roads at 1:47 a.m. and has a Nov. 15 court date.

MORTON GROVE

DUI
Rafael Enriquez-Zuniga, 27, of 7406 N. Rogers, Chicago, was charged with aggravated driving under the influence on Sept. 29. He was taken into custody on the 7500 block of Dempster Street at 4:46 a.m. Police said Enriquez-Zuniga did not have a driver’s license and was speeding. He has a Nov. 15 court date.

UNDERAGE DRINKING
Mikhail Dawson, 19, of Morton Grove was charged Sept. 28 with underage drinking after being stopped on Dempster Street near Harlem Avenue. Police say Dawson passed a field sobriety test and consented to a breathalyzer test, in which his blood alcohol content was .055. Police say he was not driving under the influence but his BAC warranted an underage drinking charge. He is scheduled in court Oct. 29.

CRIME BRIEFS

NILES

ASSAULT
An employee of a restaurant on the 9600 block of Milwaukee Avenue told police that on the evening of Oct. 2 a customer demanded his money back for a gyro he had already eaten and began speaking to him in a rude manner. When the employee suggested that the customer leave and not come back, the man allegedly stated, “I’m going to kill you,” and exited the restaurant.

THEFT
A man told police that someone broke into his locker at XSport Fitness, 9210 N. Milwaukee Ave., on Sept. 28 and removed $100 from his wallet.

MORTON GROVE

BURGLARY
A concrete saw, a sawzall, two circular saws and a jackhammer were stolen from a car parked in the 8900 block of Marion Ave. sometime around 8 a.m. Sept. 28. Five dollars was stolen from an Entenmann’s Thrift Bakery, 7915 Golf Road, sometime around 6 a.m. Sept. 28. The burglars unlocked a door after using a baseball-sized rock to break through glass on a door.

THEFT
A cellphone was stolen from a locked room in LA Fitness, 6821 Dempster Street, sometime on Sept. 26. Police say the phone was left unattended while it charged.

A wallet and keys were stolen from a locked locker in LA Fitness, 6821 Dempster Street, sometime on or before Sept. 30.

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Newberry Medal-winning author visits D64 school

When children's book author Richard Peck asked a library filled with Roosevelt School fifth-graders to guess what job he had before he became a published writer, their answers were varied.

"A doctor," suggested one student.

"A newspaper writer," said another.

"A movie star!" called out one boy, causing a smile to appear on the author's face.

But Peck, who has published over 40 books since 1971, was actually a teacher for 12 years, including a stint at Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook.

"My students made a writer out of me because they let me know what they liked to read and what they didn't," Peck told the room of more than 80 students on Oct. 3.

Peck's visit to the Park Ridge school was part of a promotional event for his latest book, "The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail." He also appeared at the Book Stall in Winnetka.

Fifth-graders at Roosevelt prepared for Peck's visit by reading some of his books, said librarian Linda Diekman. At least one student carried a copy of a book that he asked Peck to autograph.

"I hope they take away an appreciation for the process that goes into writing," Diekman said of the students.

Peck, a Newberry Medal winner, said he wanted to be an author "since the first day my mother read to me." He recalled how he developed his books from stories he heard around him and how, as a child, he listened to the memories of the men who stopped by his father's gas station.

"In those days there were old, old men, sitting in the sun telling stories," Peck said. "Those were the first stories I heard people tell."

Some of the men remembered riding the first Ferris wheel at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Peck said. Eventually, this made its way into one of his children's stories, too.

"All of my stories seem to be about other people's memories," he shared.

Peck's latest book, "The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail," was inspired by a visit to Buckingham Palace, he told the students.

The book is about an orphaned mouse's adventure in finding out who he really is.

Peck also spoke to the students about his book "A Long Way from Chicago" -- featuring the "heavily-armed and trigger-happy" grandma -- and its sequel, "A Year Down Yonder," which won the Newberry Medal.

In all the years that Peck has been writing, what children are seeking in their books really hasn't changed all that much, Peck believes.

"I think they're still looking for themselves and I think they're still looking for the journey," he said.
New sculpture installed at Niles library

Giant wooden globe structure needs name

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
For Sun-Times Media | @istudenkov

The ongoing Niles Public Library renovations took an artisic turn last week as a 15-foot-tall, globe-like wooden sculpture was assembled in the new Commons area, right next to the main staircase.

Created by Chicago artist Terry Karpowicz with input from library officials and Friends of the Niles Library, the sculpture was designed to embody the library's values and blend in with the existing design aesthetic. The sculpture doesn't have a name yet, but patrons will soon have a chance to suggest one — and one lucky person will even get a prize out of it.

When the library renovation was still in its planning stages, architects suggested putting artwork to the right of the main staircase. They suggested commissioning Karpowicz, who had experience creating sculptures in public buildings.

Sue Wilsey, the library Public Relations and Marketing Supervisor, told Niles Herald-Spectator that the idea struck a chord with the staff.

"Linda Weiss, the Director of the Library and some of her staff took a look at some of [Karpowicz's] designs," she said. "They really liked his style, and they liked that his sculptures were made out of wood."

Before Karpowicz designed the sculpture, he talked to Weiss about what the library was looking for. They discussed the diversity of the Niles community and the library's ability to bring all of the village's ethnic groups together.

"A library is a place where this diverse community can come together to be entertained, be inspired and be informed," Wilsey said.

The proposal he brought back to the library called for a set of rings forming a wooden globe-like sphere that rested atop of four bracket-like legs. The design was approved without changes, and Friends of the Niles Library raised the funds to make it a reality.

The sculpture was mostly made out of cedar wood. Karpowicz used other types of wood to create butterfly-like joints. At 15 feet tall, the sculpture nearly reaches the third floor. Wilsey proudly noted that it was the tallest indoor sculpture Karpowicz ever designed.

Because of the sheer size, Karpowicz and a crew of three had to bring in the components and assemble them on site. It was officially unveiled on Oct. 2, two days after the new Commons area opened to the public.

At the moment, the sculpture doesn't have a name. Friends of the Niles Library plan to launch a naming contest in December. The contest will run through January and the winner will get a prize. The winner will be announced at the grand reopening which will take place on the first week of February 2014.

Wilsey said the exact prize would be determined at the library board's meeting this week.

So far, the response to the sculpture and the Commons area in general has been positive.

"We've already seen people take advantage of this space and all it has to offer," said Wilsey. "The sculpture and [other improvements] will make the library an even better community space."
NEWS BRIEFS

NILES

Man pulled from pool died of natural causes

A Niles Police Department death investigation revealed a man, 81, who was pulled from a pool he was cleaning at his home on Friday, died of natural causes.

The Niles Police and Fire departments were called to a home in the 8500 block of Betty Terrace for a man who had been found in a pool just after 5:15 a.m. Oct. 4.

When they arrived, police said they learned that Michelangelo Volpe, 81, had gone outside to clean a swimming pool and, about 20 minutes later, a neighbor saw his wife trying to pull Volpe from the pool.

Several neighbors went to aid Volpe’s wife, removed the victim from the pool and called 911, officials said.

Volpe was taken to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge and, about 90 minutes later, police said the death was not considered suspicious, and police on Saturday confirmed Volpe died of natural causes.

MORTON GROVE

Fear City gets OK to run year-round

Fear City now has everything it needs to operate after Halloween. Morton Grove village trustees unanimously approved the haunted house’s modified permit on Oct. 7 and a vendor has signed on to use the warehouse for war games.

The Village Board usually reads a proposal once and then votes at the next meeting so residents have more chances to give opinions. However, Fear City asked trustees to waive that policy because they found a client worth marketing during the October haunted house season.

Mir Tactical is a family-owned business that sells equipment for and creates military-type simulations using airsoft guns. Based in Buffalo Grove, Mir Tactical approached Fear City about hosting indoor tournaments at Fear City.

Fear City co-owner Charles Grendys applied for a revised special use permit so new types of entertainment could occur in the 40,000-square-foot warehouse, such as charity poker, birthday parties, hosting the farmer’s market in the lobby and airsoft competitions.

Airsoft is similar to laser tag, but participants instead shoot plastic pellets at one another during simulated war games.

NILES

Teen accused of kicking, spitting at Niles police

A teenage boy is accused of turning on the Niles police officers who stopped to help him after he was reportedly seen screaming for help in the middle of the street.

The events unfolded just after 11 p.m., Sept. 29, when the 17-year-old Chicago boy, who was not identified by police, was seen screaming for help into a cellphone while running around in circles near the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue and Oakton Street.

According to police, the teen spit at an officer who stepped to speak to him to hold down his legs.

When six more police officers arrived, the boy allegedly fought with all of them, spitting, kicking, swinging his arms and trying to escape, police said. Niles paramedics assisted the officers in getting the boy into an ambulance and transporting him to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

At the hospital, a paramedic who took the teen’s cellphone in order to charge it so a family member could be contacted discovered a small plastic bag containing what police suspected to be LSD.

Police said the teen continued to scream at the hospital and was biting the straps that held him to his bed.

He was later charged with resisting a police officer and felony counts of aggravated battery to a police officer and possession of a controlled substance. He is set to appear in court on Oct. 9.
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Another WeDeal Gone Bad
Remember Kim Treger, the single mom who tried to use a WeDeal coupon at a foot massage salon, only to be told by the new owner that the coupons wouldn't be accepted?

Help Squad worked with WeDeal's owner, Brad Pielet, who gave Treger a $30 refund and an additional $30 credit for her troubles.

In response to the column, we received this letter:

Dear Help Squad:
I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw you wrote up WeDeal last week! I, too, have made numerous requests for a refund starting Nov. 5, 2012 with absolutely no resolution. I email them once a month as a gentle reminder, to no avail.

I have three WeDeals that were not redeemable. One for $125 to Secca Salon, the other, two coupons for $26 each to Head to Toe Salon. I would LOVE to stop emailing them!!! Please please please help!

Jessica Millen, Highland Park

Dear Jessica,
Once again, I was on the phone with WeDeal owner, Brad Pielet, who, just as in the first case, seemed sincere in his willingness to rectify the situation and do the right thing. He did commit to crediting your account $52 for the two coupons to Head to Toe, and said he would look into the $125 Secca Salon coupon and get back to me. I have yet to hear back from Brad, but keep in mind, we spoke on Friday afternoon, and this piece was submitted Monday morning. My gut feeling says you'll see a credit for all three WeDeals.
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Dog owners, everywhere! I salute you — I also love dogs.

Dogs are famously kind and friendly, and dog owners are most often likewise. Every morning, often before first sunlight, the sidewalks teem with early-morning dog walkers, each enjoying the other’s company and often a Starbucks as well. I’m grateful for those conscientious owners who diligently carry plastic shopping bags to remove the detritus of their pets’ biological output.

But I cringe when Friday rolls around. On Fridays, soon after the garbage pick-up leaves my bin empty, I find one or more of those doggy bags has been added for next week’s collection.

Yes, it must be inconvenient, if not somewhat disgusting, to carry a full parcel for the return trip home. But I can tell you from experience that solid waste of the canine variety does not improve with time in the big green incubator.

No, it is not very pleasant at all! After a few days, I start to avoid taking the trash out. It piles up in my home. This isn’t a happy place for me, but it is for the undesirable insects that feast on it. Unchecked, they might even one day leave my house for better fare. They might even take over the block, the desirable neighborhood, and finally Park Ridge!

Those bugs will not distinguish between the good and the bad, the rich and the poor, or even the dog owners and nonowners. Some might call it poetic justice, others payback.

But it doesn’t have to go that far! I’m sure we can still act and save the community! If only some good people knew about this horrible problem and started to carry those bags home. (Helpful hint: Try composting them to avoid the polluted garbage bin scenario.)

For those really, really unenlightened Dog Owners Who Do Not Carry Plastic Bags, please start yesterday. If not sooner. Or you will hear about it from us early risers and your Starbucks will curdle.

Thanks in advance for making the world a better place, even in a small way.

Scott Schaedel
Park Ridge

Social media plays a role in Chicago carnage

One of the great things about social media is the way it has united people who have lost touch over the years as their busy lives have taken them far from home and far from long-time friends.

But social media also can divide us. I see it today in the current political climate, where my friends on both sides of the spectrum say the most extreme things about the other. In the days before social media, we’d just forget the excessive political rants that friends and coworkers said within earshot of just a few. But today, the words are out there for everyone to see for all time.

The fallout may cause some to quietly un-friend the perpetrator of the rant, but in another world, the consequences are much more tragic.

That’s the theme of a recent article in Wired Magazine. I encourage everyone to read it. The piece explains how social media is fueling the gang wars in Chicago. It offers an explanation for the weekly outburst of shootings on the streets of Chicago.

Here’s why: Before social media, a kid just hanging with his buddies insults some gang rival. More than likely, only those within earshot ever hear of the insult, and life goes on. Today, someone in the kid’s gang records a video of the insult and posts it on YouTube.

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A city-hired contractor whitewashes a wall where a tagger had hit in Evanston. It used to be that gangs communicated through graffiti. Blaser wonders if social media has had a deadly impact on gang violence.

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Maybe he makes a video insulting the rival. Or maybe he gets a gun.

The end result? Double-digit shootings every week and 500 homicides every year on the streets of Chicago.

The tragedy, the senselessness and the waste of it all is just horrifying. So many young people searching for status and meaning to their lives by killing each other is the No. 1 problem facing the country.

Yet we turn away and refuse to face it. We pretend it doesn’t exist. Maybe, just maybe, if it’s on YouTube, we’ll start to believe it.
How fast is fast enough?
It's a question I asked myself after reading a story about the wait time at fast-food drive-up windows. A new study showed that the wait in line at fast-food drive-ups is about three minutes. This is eight seconds more than a year ago.
The study was conducted by QSR Magazine, which covers quick-service and fast-casual restaurants, and Insula Research. The longer wait times are attributed to the more complex menus now offered at fast-food restaurants. You know, like that Lobster Newburg you ordered at Taco Bell.
Also, more people are using drive-up facilities, up nine percent to 2.82 cars in line.
One bit of good news in the survey: The accuracy of the order you receive at the end of the drive-up window is 87 percent. This is up from 60 percent in the late 1990s.
Since newspapers and TV considered this survey news — and not just to the fast-food industry — it follows, or at least implies, that three minutes is not fast enough.
That may say more about us than it does about the fast-food industry.
We probably shouldn’t be surprised in a time of tweets and of movies consisting mostly of shoot-outs, car chases, drunken parties and very little dialogue.
We are a nation of short attention spans.
In fact, our attention span may be shrinking.
Attention span is the length of time during which someone is able to think about or remain interested in something. There are two kinds of attention span, short-term and long-term.
Short-term is called focused attention. In the year 2012, the focused attention span of Americans was eight seconds. In 2000, the focused attention span was 12 seconds.
Long-term is called sustained attention. That's the level of attention that provides consistent results on a task over time. Our sustained attention span is no more than 40 minutes at a time.
So, where does that leave us as we wait for our burger and fries?
Do we have to have our burger in eight seconds? Can we wait 40 minutes? Three minutes doesn’t seem so long to wait.
Yes, the wait may be eight seconds longer than it used to be. But since our attention span is eight seconds, waiting in the drive-up line gives those eight seconds to do one thing before being distracted.
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8317 N Merrill St: Jerome J Butera and Sharon M Butera to Ricky D Pettit for $255,000 on Aug. 19

Morton Grove
5922 Monroe St: Andrew Godi and Santharatnamma Godi to Thanuja Godi and Jonathan D Palaparthi for $125,000 on Aug. 22
8932 Oswego Ave: Anne M Kendall to Jennifer L Weiner for $160,500 on Aug. 22

Park Ridge
930 N Prospect Ave: Anthony Carolan to Jennifer L Weiner for $180,000 on Aug. 21
9326 Neenah Ave: Michael W Wu to Ronald G Stone and Kayne D Grau for $235,000 on Aug. 19

Skokie
5105 Madison St, #2: Ronald G Stone and Sandra I Stone to Anne Katz for $191,000 on Aug. 22
4932 Estes Ave: Charles Salvaggio Trust, Frank Kwan Trust, David M Allison Trust, Roy P Carlson Trust and P Carlson Roy Trust to Barbara Skaurios, Dimitri Skaurios and Arrofite Skaurios for $293,000 on Aug. 21
9715 Woods Drive, #1803: Mirjana Garcia Trust, Garcia Salvador Trust and Salvador Garcia Trust to Kim Eun Hee Byun for $130,000 on Aug. 22

Optima
9151 Kaydale Ave: Sidney Tolbert and Brenda Tolbert to Paul P Sassieni and Valerie S Sassieni for $695,000 on Aug. 20
8900 Little Elm Bend: David Yousefzadeh and Nsour Yousefzadeh to Adi Elliott and Shyan Eliott for $615,000 on Aug. 22

Lincolnwood
7255 N Kilpatrick Ave: Stjepan Cseck and Sawsan Semoon to Nicholas D Ventresca for $350,000 on Aug. 22
Halloween Madness
9 a.m.: Join the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation for a day of Halloween crafts, games, and pumpkin carving. Lunch will not be provided. For ages 6-22. Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 W. Kathy Lane, Niles. Call 847-966-5522. $45-$100.

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Travel Film: ‘Oregon Coast’
2 p.m.: This film will journey through sea lion caves, explore lighthouses, and sample the seafood and wine that Oregon has to offer. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Thrilling Thursdays: Kid’s Concoctions
4 p.m.: Create exciting concoctions out of materials you could find in your home. For children in kindergarten through third grade. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010
7 p.m.: Learn how to create and format your documents; print, proof and save. Registration is required and limited to 6. Morton Grove residents have priority. Must be experienced and comfortable with computer, keyboard and mouse. For more information or to register, go to calendar.mgpl.org or call 847-829-5101. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Halloween Party
10 a.m.: Support group for adults who have lost a spouse, partner or significant other within the past year. Registration required. American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6410 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-663-3072.

Knitting for All Ages
3 p.m.: Learn the basics of knitting or crochet, or brush up on your skills. No registration required. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Introduction to Digital Cameras
10 a.m.: Learn about basic digital camera features and how to transfer photos to a computer. Bring your digital camera along with its manual and any cables that come with it. Registration is required and limited to 6. Morton Grove residents have priority. For more information or to register, go to calendar.mgpl.org or call 847-829-5101. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Halloween Spa
6:30 p.m.: Girls ages 6 to 11 can come dressed in their favorite outfit for a fun evening of pampering and entertainment. Norridge Park, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. Call 708-457-1244. $30-$35.

Friday Night Fever
9 p.m.: Join the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation for a night of country fun. There will be live band, country dancing and great food. Toby Keith’s I Love This Bar & Grill, 5441 Rosmont Ave., Rosemont. Call 847-966-5522. $35-$80.

Morton Grove Farmers Market
8 a.m.: All items are home-grown, handmade or vendor-created from locally-owned operations. Market Grounds, 8210 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-750-6436.

Ridgewood High School Parents’ Club Monthly Bingo
5 p.m.: You’re guaranteed 15 bingo games, two of which are $500 cover. All bingos along with several raffles and options to purchase pull-tab games and additional BINGO cards. Refreshments available for purchase throughout the night. Proceeds benefit Ridgewood High School Parents’ Club. Ridgewood High School, 7500 W. Monrovia Ave., Norridge.


Little Tykes Playgroup
11 a.m.: Free play for ages 2-4 with a parent or caregiver. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.
**SUNDAY, OCT 13**

**Skokie Farmers Market**
7:30 a.m.: Vendors from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan converge upon Skokie for this weekly market, held through October. Closes around 12:45 p.m. Village Green Park, 5201 Oakton St., Skokie. For more information, call 847-933-8223.

**Brush with Nature**
11 a.m.: More than 50 professional artists will set up their easels and "plein air" paint along the Nature Center walking paths. Watch the artists paint beautiful fall landscapes, ask questions of the artists and even paint alongside them. The first 25 visitors will receive a free mini canvas to start their own plein air painting experience. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. Call 847-677-3334.

**Senior Center Sunday Concert**
1 p.m.: The group meets in the Lakeview Room for music from Reunion Jazz. Dessert precedes the show, which starts at 2 p.m. All ages welcome. Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview. Call 847-724-4793. $2 admission.

**MGPL 75th Anniversary Jubilee Concert**
2 p.m.: Celebrating the library's 75th anniversary with the Shamrock Ragsters, who will perform Dixieland, bluegrass, Irish and Celtic tunes on fiddle, bass, guitar, trumpet, Irish flute, Irish whistle, harmonica, banjo and mandolin. Cake and coffee will be served after the concert. Morton Grove Public Library, 5140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**The Affordable Care Act and Upcoming Health Care Transition**
3 p.m.: Sen. Daniel Biss (D-Evanston) will host his fourth of six discussions in his 2013 Critical Issues Series. Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Call 847-568-1250.

**MONDAY, OCT 14**

**Minecraft Tournament**
11 a.m.: Pop into the library for a Minecraft creative competition. The winner receives a Minecraft prize. For grades four to six. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Officer Friendly Story Time**
1:30 p.m.: Stop by the library for a fun story time led by a Park Ridge police officer. For all ages. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Readers and Leaders**
6:30 p.m.: Children will be paired with trained teen volunteers who will promote early literacy and cognitive development in children through hands-on activities. Registration is required. For ages 3 to 6. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Pages Book Discussion: 'This is Not a Test'**
7 p.m.: Join the Morton Grove Public Library for a book discussion of "This is Not a Test" by Courtney Summers. Barricaded in Cortege High with five other teens while zombies try to get in, Sloane Price observes her fellow captives become more unpredictable and violent as time passes. Barnes and Noble, 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie. Call 847-965-4220.

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- **Address:** 7120 W. Birchwood Ave., Niles
- **Issue date:** June 28
- **Permit cost:** $30
- **Construction cost:** $3,400

### Alarm
- **Address:** 7400 N. Oak Park Ave., Niles
- **Issue date:** June 28
- **Permit cost:** $50
- **Construction cost:** $1,658

### Single family - remodel
- **Address:** 7639 N. Olcott Ave., Niles
- **Issue date:** June 24
- **Permit cost:** $624
- **Construction cost:** $29,522

### Fence
- **Address:** 6824 W. Harts Road, Niles
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- **Permit cost:** $36
- **Construction cost:** $3,784

### Sign - Electrical/Non-Electric
- **Address:** 7900 N. Milwaukee Ave., Unit 14, Niles
- **Issue date:** June 24
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Before the gold rush: Solar panel seller's been at it for 36 years

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
For Sun-Times Media | @studenkov

Over the past few years, there's been a gold rush in the green business industry. Companies have been sprouting up left and right to offer green services, putting solar panels and more on government buildings, business offices and private residences.

But Solar Service Inc. isn't one of these Johnny-come-latelies. For the past 36 years, the Niles-based company has been designing and installing solar panels throughout the Chicago area. While the company hasn't been immune to economic downturn, it has seen growth — and it is confident that it will continue growing in the future.

Brandon Leavitt, founder and president of Solar Service, became interested in environmentally-friendly practices while he was still in high school, when he attended the very first Earth Day. In 1975, during the energy crisis in the mid-70s, he attended a seminar conducted by architect and environmental activist Buckminster Fuller. Fuller challenged his students to do something that would solve the energy crisis without creating any other problems.

Inspired, Leavitt went to work for a solar panel manufacturer in Florida. In April 1977, he decided to use what he learned to bring solar power to Chicago area.

His first clients were his own parents. Solar Service slowly but surely grew from there, installing solar panels in homes, business, educational institutions and other structures. And while originally, most of the customers ordered solar panels for the sake of the environment, recent years have seen an increase in customers who wanted to save money on their utility bills.

Solar Service specializes in two types of solar panels. Solar electric panels convert solar energy into electricity, while solar thermal panels collect heat and use it to warm water tanks. Thermal panels can also be incorporated into the building's heating ventilation and air conditioning creating a hybrid system. With both types of panels, Solar Service sets up all the equipment required to make the process work.

The company tries its best to make its panels fit into the building's design. Thermal panels must always face the south, and they must be pitched at an angle where they would be able to pick up as much energy as possible during winter. Electric panels allow more flexibility. For example, when Solar Service outfitted Chicago's HarvesService Foods store, they incorporated the panels into its awning.

When the panels can't be integrated smoothly, Solar Service tries to make sure they don't stand out. "Most of the times, panels face the side yard or the backyard," said Leavitt.

But the biggest challenge for Solar Service is overcoming misconceptions about the solar power technology. "A lot of people think that solar panels aren't good in the winter because it gets cloudy, but that's not true," said Leavitt.

"Some of the coldest days [in the winter] are sunny." There is also the matter of price. Over the past decade, costs of making solar panels dropped enough to make installation cheaper than ever. Tax credits can reduce the cost even further. "The two-panel [thermal] system costs about $12,000," said Leavitt. "The [federal and state] government pays $7,000 if you install it, so you pay $5,000 for a lifetime supply of energy."

There is also the matter of cost savings. If the solar panels collect more energy than a building uses, ComEd collects the extra energy and credits it to the owner's bill. Solar Service powers its headquarters with its own solar panels, and, according to a bill shown to the Niles Herald-Spectator, it only paid $16 this July.

While Solar Service was impacted by the recession, its broad client base helped to keep it going. "We've seen a decline in residential homes, but we got more of the bigger projects," said Leavitt. "And the residential [clients] are coming back."

Overall, Leavitt is optimistic about the future of solar power. "[Solar power] is a smart thing to do," he said. "It's good for the environment, it creates jobs that can't be outsourced and helps our country become energy-independent."
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1. Chris Poggianti (from left) with Carly and Schulman, all of Kenilworth. 2. Luann Blowers of Lake Forest. 3. Emanuel Tabachnik (from left), Debbie Levis, Nancy and Steven Tumen, all of Glencoe. 4. Alexandra and John D. Nichols of Winnetka (from left) with Michael Tiknis of Chicago, president and managing director, Harris Theatre, and David Blauers of Lake Forest, president, East Region of Northern Trust Bank, Vernissage lead sponsor. 5. Anne Kaplan of Highland Park (left) and Anne Lerner of Lake Forest. (All photos Lee A. Litas for Sun-Times Media)
Boot up your style for fall

BY LYNN TAYLOR SCHWAAB
For Sun-Times Media

Is there anything good about summer's end? Well, other than the kids going back to school and finally having some peace and quiet. But also, with cooler weather on tap, it's time to go boot shopping.

"This fall offers a variety of boot styles, from ankle height to knee-high, and from flat to a six-inch heel," stated Lisa DeVries, marketing manager with Westfield malls. "The season, expect to see a lot of distressed leather and various types of hardware on the lower heeled, casual boots. Paired with a cozy sweater or chic tailored blazer and jeans, they cap off a look with ease, and you'll get plenty of wear out of them."

The tall riding boot so popular last year is still big. These boots will be your go-to footwear this season. They'll work with skinny jeans, leggings, skirts (short and long) and dresses in varied lengths.

Just leave your most comfortable pair at the back door because you'll be wearing them every single day and well into spring.

DeVries noted that, "Another popular style is the Western-inspired shape featuring dressed up details, from embellishments to the texture itself." A plus, she said is that this style "tends to be comfortable and easier to walk in once the snow falls," and is appropriate for the more traditional office environment, as well as an evening on the town.

But just about every boot is hot this fall. The list can go on forever, but some to consider are: laced up boots (in the front or in the back), patterned boots, ankle boots and ankle strap boots, combat boots, peep toe boots, fur boots and over-the-knee boots — which on me would be very thigh high boots!

While we always need boots during Chicago winters, this is the season to invest in a great pair. It's the must-have accessory right now.

1. Rag & Bone "Newbury" black pony hair bootie with back zipper, $595, at Nordstrom, Westfield Old Orchard, Skokie | PHOTO COURTESY NORDSTROM OLD ORCHARD
2. Steve Madden "Monica" black leather mid-height biker boot with studs, $189.95, at Nordstrom at Westfield Old Orchard, Skokie | PHOTO COURTESY NORDSTROM OLD ORCHARD
3. Ruff Hewn "Valley" stud belt riding boot in brown, $110, at Carson's | PHOTO COURTESY CARSON'S.COM

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Couple plans big with 300 guest wedding

Liz Driscoll and Jeff Bailey

BY RENEE LEE
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La Grange native Liz Driscoll said she knew her wedding was going to be exciting. But it didn't fully hit her until the day of her ceremony. "Honestly, the whole day I was so happy I wanted to explode," she said.

The main thing Liz and her husband, Deerfield native Jeff Bailey, wanted was for their wedding to be a fun, relaxed party for all their guests. The couple knew they were going to have a rather large wedding (they invited 400 people) but, Liz said, they didn't realize how large their price tag would be until they started planning.

They knew they would exchange their vows at St. Louise de Marillac in La Grange Park, where much of Liz's family had attended church. A priest from Jeff's church officiated, which was the perfect way to combine both of their backgrounds.

Although Liz wanted to make her reception one-of-a-kind, she soon realized that came with a price. After seeing about a dozen venues, the couple married at Fountain Blue in Des Plaines. It turned out to be the best choice, as Liz said guest's water glasses were never half empty and food was piping hot and delicious.

Liz did a lot of the reception decor by hand. She had been to several weddings before and knew that not a lot of wedding guests really notice small details, but she still wanted to do things right since she knew people would notice if something was done poorly.

Each guest's place card was hand done by the bride and featured a tree with colorful leaves. Each card was held in place on top of a wine cork. With her "hodgepodge" style and decor sense, Liz included colors of deep purple, teal and orange.

With Jeff's extended family living all across the country and world, the wedding was one of the first times they were all together since the early 1990s. Liz's large family, on the other hand, had five weddings the previous year, which motivated her to make their night one to remember.

Looking back, the Oct. 20, 2012, wedding was really a once-in-a-lifetime experience. "It's not every day that you have 300 people together to party because you're in love," Liz said.

The couple recently moved to Villa Park. Liz is a social worker at UIC Medical Center and Jeff works in information technology at New Trier High School in Winnetka.

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While northern California is often considered the nation's wine country, you do not have to travel to the West Coast to enjoy world-class wine tasting and vineyard tours. Southwest Michigan has a wine country of its own, which is emerging as an essential part of the culture in the region.

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**Winery events and attractions**
Before you plan your wine tasting weekend, you should contact wineries in the area to explore special events, including culinary festivals, wine tasting courses, live music and cooking classes. The end of summer is an excellent time to tour Michigan's wine scene, as the weather is perfect for outdoor events and vineyard tours.

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HYUNDAI EQUUS TAKES AIM AT HIGH-END NICHE

BY HERB SHULDINER
Motor Matters

Hyundai's growing share of the U.S. automotive market has been remarkable. Not even the financial meltdown the country experienced five years ago slowed the Korean carmaker's sales, as its volume just kept climbing.

What's more, Hyundai is hardly a purveyor of cheap transportation. Its product portfolio covers everything from subcompacts to big luxury cars.

The 2014 face-lifted Equus, Hyundai's flagship car, is attracting more attention from buyers of premium cars, such as the Lexus LS, Mercedes-Benz S-Class, Cadillac XTS, BMW 750i and Audi A6. In fact, 66 percent of Equus sales are "conquest sales" of owners who are departing these brands, especially the Lexus LS (70 percent of conquest sales), according to a Hyundai marketing executive.

Although the Equus targets the most expensive premium cars, its price is more in the range of the Mercedes-Benz E-Class and BMW 5 Series. There are only two Equus trim levels: Signature, which accounts for 70 percent of sales and has an average transaction price of $54,500, and the Ultimate model with a price of $68,000.

Basically the 2014 Equus is merely refreshed, but it has a new suspension designed to give the driver a sportier ride when needed. Yet it offers comfortable ride and handling for conventional highway cruising. A big 5.0-liter V8 engine generates 429 horsepower that's transmitted to the road through an 8-speed automatic transmission.

Hyundai sells far fewer luxury units than its German and Japanese competitors. The highest level German luxury imports sell three times the number of vehicles Equus racks up. Even the relatively new Cadillac XTS clobbers Equus in sales. But if you compare the Equus to luxury imports with relatively similar prices, the German brands completely outsell the Korean flagship by a very wide margin.

Only half of Hyundai's dealer network sells the Equus, about 400 retailers. The remaining dealers don't sell Equus because of the extra investment that's required to provide dedicated space and personnel to sell this flagship car for Hyundai.

Equus is gaining prestige. Recently the Korean luxury car captured one of Autopacific's 2013 Ideal Vehicle Awards. It beat out the Lexus LS, Cadillac XTS, Audi A6 and the Mercedes-Benz E-Class. That's quite an achievement, and could also affect the entire lineup.

Hyundai also hopes its free service and maintenance support gives it an advantage over other luxury car brands. The three years of free service and maintenance is a strong selling point.

Hyundai dealers provide such good service that an Equus owner probably never needs to visit a dealership. The dealer will pick up the owner's car on a flat-bed truck and provide a loaner car to the customer on the same vehicle, if requested. This kind of service support is what luxury car buyers enjoy and could help Hyundai carve out a bigger chunk in this segment.
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Residents are easily lured by charming Victorian Woodstock. Famous for being the backdrop in the classic movie "Groundhog Day," it offers many spectacular activities and events to involve its residents.

The community was recognized in 2007 as a "Distinctive Destination" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The town's historic downtown square is known for its eclectic mix of shops, restaurants and boutiques selling everything from hand-crafted pottery and fine art to apparel and gourmet food. Residents can also enjoy a night on the town by visiting the square's gothic Opera House, or spend a leisurely afternoon brushing up on some history at the Dick Tracy Museum.

Maples at the Sonatas also boasts plenty of its own special features. Its clubhouse, as the heart of the community, brings neighbors together to socialize, relax or exercise. Inside, residents can engage in conversation near the cozy fireplace, prepare for parties in the community kitchen, take a dip in the outdoor pool, or meet friends at the fitness center for daily workouts.

Homes at Maples at the Sonatas offer European-inspired exteriors. Prices start in the $190,000s for homes ranging from about 1,500 to over 2,800 square feet. Buyers can choose between the single-family ranch homes or the ranch villas.

These single-level homes offer two to three bedrooms, two bathrooms and two to two-car garages. Best of all, in maintenance-free Maples at the Sonatas, buyers no longer have to worry about keeping up with lawn care or house maintenance; instead, they can take that extra time to do things they love.

The Abbey's excess storage room gives residents that extra space to maintain organization. Both the Abbey and the Canterbury models have striking volume ceilings, a seasonal veranda and an expansive kitchen to create an open, airy environment. The two single-level models are also similar in their generous size. The Abbey is more than 1,700 square feet while the Canterbury is over 1,800 square feet.

For those interested in the ultimate comfort lifestyle, the Portico offers a multitude of satisfying options. The 1,700- to over 2,400-square-foot model fully utilizes its space to provide the utmost comfort. Residents can enjoy the scenery from their private courtyard, with porch options for entertaining friends and family. A designer kitchen with an island is not only a place for meals, but also a place for family and guests to congregate and socialize. An optional second-level bonus suite provides additional living and entertaining space.

The Palazzo, at 1,500 to over 2,000 square feet, is a contemporary design with an optional upstairs bonus suite for those in need of a little extra interior space and privacy. Inside, residents will enjoy a walk-in shower, private living room, a peaceful sitting room and a designer gourmet kitchen built to accommodate double ovens and more.

For those with a "go big or go home" mentality, the Promenade is the perfect fit. At 2,000 to over 2,800 square feet, it is the largest and most extravagant home in the community. The open plan allows for residents to decorate with oversized furniture while still being able to move freely in a spacious, airy environment. The den is perfect for relaxing during the weekend, and residents have the opportunity of upgrading the owner's suite with a screened porch or sitting room to better enjoy surrounding courtyard views. The Promenade also features an optional bonus suite for guests, as well as a front entry porch.

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LIFE GETS BETTER AFTER 55
Lake Chapin Shores hosts lifestyle changes

Older and better, active and fit are common characteristics of the growing population of those 55 and older. This group wants opportunity to enjoy a full life, and they want a lot less hassle and home maintenance to get in the way.

Growing numbers of "SSs" are choosing to move to communities that can meet their changing needs. Forbes.com reported that 11 percent of this group said they planned to buy a different home within the next three years, and those who moved were happier than those who stayed put. People who made short-distance moves, getting away but staying near family and friends, were the happiest of all.

To accommodate their changing lifestyles, many of this boomer generation are exchanging their place in the suburbs or city for a dream house/second home in the country that gives them the benefit of flexible, open floor plans and maintenance-free living in a secure community, surrounded by scenic views and plenty of options for activities they enjoy. They also want the value and financial security of investing in a successful development.

Lake Chapin Shores in southwest Michigan is a great example of the type of lifestyle destination the new "older and active" generation is looking for: a beautiful waterfront community located on 600-acre all-sports Lake Chapin, just 60 minutes from downtown Chicago.

Homeowners in this lakeside retreat enjoy privacy with spectacular views, boating, water sports and great fishing. The convenience of services including year-round maintenance of the roadways, docks, common area landscaping and a maintained and a heated pool makes living easy. Even easier is having a concierge option to prepare the home and/or boat for a family reunion, holiday party or other special events.

In addition to the abundant lake and community activities, owners who enjoy an involved lifestyle find plenty to keep busy with scenic vineyards and world-class wineries, fine-dining restaurants, public and country club golf, scenic hiking and biking trails, casinos, unique antique shops and markets all nearby.

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Visit the Website at www.LakeChapinShores.com for a look at each of 12 model home options, photos and video of Lake Chapin Shores living and a complete list of materials and specifications.

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Embrace the fall color trends

From runway fashion to home decor, blue is definitely in the spotlight right now. Give your home a fresh boost of an on-trend color and make it through the fall season in style. And if you're just moving in to a new home, consider the colors of fall for your home decor choice.

Erika Woelfel, director of color at Behr Paints, shares the 2014 Color Trends:

Seaside harmony
What says "summer" better than a trip to the beach? While winter's lower temperatures mean you probably won't want to get sand between your toes or dip them into the ocean, you can still enjoy the warmth and relaxation of the seashore. Choose colors that echo the natural hues of sun, surf and sand. Cool blue-greens soothe the senses, while gentle peach and soft white evoke the warmth of the sand and revive the spirit. Then extend the theme throughout your decor with accessories and lighting that celebrate the look of a chic modern resort.

Urban alternative
If modern decor appeals to you but you think it might underscore the chill of winter, try an urban alternative look. The style celebrates the warmer aspects of modern decor, emphasizing wood, metal and stone tones. This natural evolution of industrial modern decor creates an effect that feels more modest, relaxed and attainable.

Grand reign
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Family-Friendly Employee Benefits: Create a Win-Win for Hourly Workers

By: Donna Fenn

In an economy that is still struggling to recover, it's imperative for companies to make sure that every segment of their workforce team is firing on all cylinders. With the number of low-wage and hourly worker positions expected to rise, experts say increasing productivity and retaining top employees will be vital to US companies going forward.

"All other things being equal, companies that provide family friendly benefits to their hourly workforce are more likely to have higher retention rates, lower turnover, and a stronger pool of talent that enables them to promote from within," says Gaye van den Hombergh, president of Winning Workplaces, a not-for-profit that works with small and midsize organizations to create great workplaces.

That echoes observations made by Working Mother Magazine, which just published its first "Best Companies for Hourly Workers" list. While the list highlights the efforts of large companies, like McDonalds and Marriott, many small companies also provide family friendly benefits to hourly workers and are reaping the rewards of a more engaged workforce.

* "We're in a service business so we hire the best and the brightest," says Jennah Purk, president of Purk & Associates, a St. Louis-based CPA firm. "If I have to take home less so they take home more then that's what we do." She has 15 employees, three of whom are hourly. All employees who work at least 1,000 hours a year receive health insurance (including vision and dental) that is paid for 100% by the company. Her hourly workers also get paid holidays and four hours a month of paid "flextime" that accrues throughout the year. "We also have very flexible scheduling for everyone," says Purk. "So many of our hourly and salaried employees work from home." The effect: Purk has retained all employees since she started the company with her husband, Bill, over a year ago; and her employees helped land the company recognition from the St. Louis Business Journal as a best place to work in the small company category.

* At Dorothy Lane Market in Dayton OH, almost all of the grocery stores' 700 employees are full and part-time hourly workers. All have access to health insurance through the company. But, according to "vice president of people" Dennis Chrisman, Dorothy Lane also has some innovative programs to keep health insurance under control. "We hired two women who are experts in whole health and natural nutrition and we pay paid them to counsel any associate, full or part time." Each employee is entitled to two hour-long sessions that accrue throughout the year. "We also have very flexible scheduling for everyone," says Chrisman. "So many of our hourly and salaried employees work from home." The effect: Purk has retained all employees since she started the company with her husband, Bill, over a year ago; and her employees helped land the company recognition from the St. Louis Business Journal as a "best place to work" in the small company category.

The company also will pay 50% of membership dues at one of three local gyms for all employees. Lastly, Dorothy Lane has a "rainy day program," designed to help out employees when they're in serious financial need. The program is funded by the employees, who can opt to have fifty cents to a dollar deducted from every paycheck. "We just loaned someone $200 to pay an attorney's fee," says Chrisman. Employee turnover at Dorothy Lane is typically around 30%; the industry average is close to 100%.

* Half of Paula Turner's ten employees at Lexair Electronics are hourly workers and she feels strongly that "having everyone treated the same cements the team." The Durham, NC electronics distributor provides all employees, most of whom are women, with paid time off and a highly flexible work environment. "Our philosophy is that we work for the company but we also work for the customer and there are lots of different ways to go about that," says Turner. "We have an employee whose husband has a lot of heart problems and she had to spend a week and half close to the hospital. Instead of paid sick days, she opted to bring a laptop and work from her hotel room." Another employee who works in the warehouse also attends cosmetology school and is permitted to arrange her schedule around school demands. Most of her employees are moms, says Turner. "I don't ever want them worrying about how they're going to go to the teacher conference and still eat lunch. They should be able to do both."
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*The Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, County of Cook, Circuit No. 67558*

**Case Title:** 14-12-03993

**Plaintiff:** National Association for the Advancement of Black People

**Defendant:** Brahim Hafid Idrissi, Zahira Hafid Idrissi, Mohamed Ali Hafid

**Case Status:** Rolling

**Case Type:** Real Estate

**Address:** The residential real estate located at 8202 North State Street, Arden, Chicago, Illinois 60656

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The property is not open for inspection prior to the sale.

The sale is advertised in accordance with Section 9(g) of the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g). The property may be inspected at the time of the sale. The sale is subject to all assessments and the legal fees required under the Condominium Property Act.

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THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY

1710 East Main Street, DECATUR, ILLINOIS 62522

The Condominium Property described herein is a 28-unit condominium consisting of a two-story residential building with a total of 4,600 square feet of living space.

The Condominium Property is located at 1710 East Main Street, Decatur, Illinois 62522.

The Condominium Property is subject to a mortgage in the amount of $248,572.70, held by the Plaintiff, Johnson, Olswang, Ltd.

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October fests

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Michigan City Oktoberfest
Michigan City, IN • Oct 12

The annual German Oktoberfest is held in Michigan City's Washington Park, put on by the Summer Festival Committee. The festival is an authentic German celebration, complete with plenty of food, drinks, and entertainment. Authentic German food will be served in a large tent on the Senior Center grounds, while drinks and entertainment can be found outside. Enjoy a beer garden with wine and schnapps, as well as German music and live entertainment. Located near the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan, this festival has free admission and is a fun way to celebrate the fall season.

New Buffalo Harvest & Wine Fest
New Buffalo, MI • Oct 12

Revel in the bounties of fall and the harvest season with delicious food and libations from a local farmers market, along with wine and microbrew tastings hosted by Round Barn, Free Run Cellars and other local establishments. This family-friendly event also features Open Houses hosted by many local shops.

Parke County Covered Bridge Festival
Parke County, IN • Oct 11-20

For the best in fall festivals it's hard to beat the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival. The largest festival in the state of Indiana and one of the largest in the Midwest, the 10-day, county-wide event always starts the second Friday in October and draws 1.5 million visitors each year. Named among the 2009 Top 100 Events by the American Bus Association, and 2005 winner of Travelocity's "Big Secrets Local Finds," the festival was started 57 years ago as a three-day event to highlight the county's 31 historic covered bridges. A 3-hour drive from Chicago, the festival has expanded over the years throughout Parke County where you can visit quaint country towns, take in the colorful fall leaf colors and walk through a real covered bridge.

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Prepare for a scare
Haunted houses gear up for thrills and chills

BY ANNIE ALLEMAN
For Sun-Times Media

Looking at this year's crop of Chicagoland haunted houses, it's clear that the sick people who plan these things (and we mean that lovingly) know the creep factor of clowns.

But they didn't just stop with clowns — oh, no. Some threw in madmen and monsters escape the terrors guests meet at the three attractions.

The Catacombs of St. Pascal
St. Pascal Church, 6143 West Irving Park Road, Chicago. Catacombsch.com. Tickets, $8. Hours are 7-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7-10 p.m. Sundays Oct. 11-27. Every year, madmen and monsters escape the Catacombs and roam free.

Fright Fest
Six Flags Great America, 1 Six Flags Parkway, Gurnee. (847) 249-4636. Frightfest.sixflags.com. Tickets, $32.50-$64.99. Hours are 4 to 11 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays, 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 17 and 24, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Columbus Day, Oct. 14. Fright Fest has expanded to include Hurricane Harbor, which has been renamed "The Bermuda Triangle." Many areas of the park are not recommended after 4 p.m. for children or those who scare easily.

The Fear

Not recommended for children under age 13.

Statesville Haunted Prison and City of the Dead
17750 S. Weber Road, Crest Hill. (877) 722-7332. Statesvillehauntedprison.com. Hours are 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays Oct. 12 and 19; 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays plus Oct. 23 and 30; 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Oct. 4 to Nov. 2. Tickets, $30-$45. Statesville employs more than 150 actors, more than 40 rooms and an average time of 40 to 50 minutes required to get through. Kids must be 11 or older; 11- to 15-year-olds must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

Eleventh Hour Haunted House
1940 George St., Melrose Park. Eleventhour.Uno. Hours are 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7 to 10 p.m. Sundays Oct. 4-6, 11-13, 16-20, 23-27, 30-31; Nov. 1-2. Tickets, $19.50-$23.
Still Acting Up! presents its new revue, “Still Misbehavin’ at the Moulin Bleu.”

**Still Acting Up! celebrates best stage of life**

*BY MYRNA PETLICKI*  
*For Sun-Times Media*

Stars relive their glory days at a soon-to-close nightclub in “Still Misbehavin’ at the Moulin Bleu.” The latest revue by Still Acting Up! runs through Oct. 20 at Skokie’s Devonshire Cultural Center.

They open the show with a rousing number about singing the songs “that made us a star at the Moulin Bleu.”

The rest of the show gives the lively cast the opportunity to relive those moments for their characters. There’s a Nelson Eddy-Jeanette MacDonald parody, an ode to Medicare, a humorous medical sketch and a number that declares, “Everything tastes better when you add a little beer.”

The all original show was created by a team of six writers with music by Barbara Brown, Georgia Cohen and Brenda Segal. It is directed by Jill Shellabarger, who is in her eighth season leading the group for the Skokie Park District.

Evanston resident Shellabarger noted that because the composers “have different styles, we get a nice mix. They work well in different genres.”

The director praised the concept of Still Acting Up! “I think it’s really wonderful to have smart, active seniors take on this kind of challenge and do this,” she said.

Bob Heinzen of Wilmette, who has performed in community theater his entire adult life, joined the group 21 years ago — when he was 70. “I’m not the oldest one in the group,” the spry 91-year-old reported. “Somebody beat me by 30 days.”

Heinzen laughingly noted that when he told his children about his part in the Eddy-MacDonald duet, they said, “Who are they?”

Connie Cook of Skokie, a four-year member of Still Acting Up!, and its business manager, was looking for “something different” when she joined. She particularly enjoys the fact that the company takes its shows to retirement homes, libraries and senior apartments.

Chuck Block of Lincolnshire is both a writer and a performer. He has been with the group 10 years. In the show, Block sings about “someone who all his life has performed with partners. He’s never sung a solo. And here at the last night, he sings a solo. It’s a great revelation to him.”

Still Acting Up! is looking for new talent — singers, actors and accompanists age 60 and older. Auditions will be held by appointment on Nov. 7, starting at 1 p.m. at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St. in Skokie. Call (312) 865-3971 to schedule an audition.

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Rat Pack redux:
Show pays tribute to entertainment greats

BY MYRNA PETUCKI
For Sun-Times Media

Sometimes it pays to look like a celebrity—if you’ve got the talent to back it up. It works for Drew Anthony and Kenny Jones, who play Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr. in “The Rat Pack is Back!”

The show, which has played for years at a Las Vegas hotel, travels to the Rosemont Theatre for one performance on Saturday, Oct. 19.

“When I first came to Las Vegas, I was just a singer looking for work,” Anthony recalled. “Because I resembled Dean Martin, I was approached for the role.” That was in 2006. Anthony has been crooning Martin’s hits ever since.

Anthony noted that, like Martin, he’s 100 percent Italian-American. In addition, “My mother loved him. She always watched ‘The Dean Martin Show’ and played his records,” he said.

Once Anthony was hired to perform as Martin, he watched videos of the singer and read books about him.

It doesn’t take much for Anthony to transform into Martin for shows. “I don’t have to put any makeup on,” he explained. “I don’t do anything except comb my hair down so it falls like his fell. Other than that, I feel like it’s a lot of me. You basically go out there and sing and joke.”

Kenny Jones also relishes his time singing and joking as part of the Rat Pack. He has been playing Sammy Davis, Jr. for eight years.

“I grew up on the Motown air, but we always knew of Sammy,” Jones said. “I always thought he was very cool—a great singer. I was always imitating people so when I got the opportunity to do him, that was easy.”

Jones’s favorite number is “What Kind of Fool Am I.”

“It’s a very good ballad about a man who’s done everything and had it all but still can’t find that one person,” he explained.

Jones definitely undergoes a transformation for the stage that fools audience members. He reported, “When I come out of my costume and I put on my clothes, I can walk past the same people and they don’t even know me.”
'Compulsion' shows battle over Anne Frank's story

BY CATEY SULLIVAN
For Sun-Times Media

"The Diary of Anne Frank" has stood as a powerful testimony to the ability of basic human decency to flourish even in a world of unspeakable atrocities as evidenced in the famous last line of Frank's diary: "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."

But while Frank's story is famous, the bitter, behind-the-scenes dispute over precisely whose story her diary tells is lesser known. That battle is at the nexus of "Compulsion," playwright Rinne Groff's exploration of an American journalist and his fight against forces he believed were whitewashing Frank's story because it was "too Jewish" to be marketable to mainstream audiences. "Compulsion" opens Oct. 10 at Evanston's Next Theatre.

"Quite a few scholars believe that Anne's legacy has been secularized, that it's told as the sweet story of a girl full of hope in an awful time, a girl who could be any girl, rather than the story of a girl who was killed because she was Jewish," director Devon de Mayo explains.

Playwright Groff draws her inspiration from a real-life lawsuit that pitted author and journalist Meyer Levin against Anne's father, Otto Frank. Initially collaborators in bringing Anne's diary to the stage, Frank and Levin wound up as fierce adversaries.

"Otto Frank decided early on that Anne's story was universal. That it was about anyone, anywhere dealing with oppression," de Mayo adds, "but to Levin, the most important thing was that Anne was Jewish. He believed her story emphasized that and leaves no doubt as to the fact that she and her family were persecuted for one reason and one reason only — because they were Jews."

While Levin's adaptation included scenes of the Franks wearing yellow stars on their coats and celebrating a Seder, those elements were lacking in the production that made it to Broadway in 1955.

In "Compulsion," Groff models the character of Sid Silver on Levin, setting the piece in 1951 as Silver attempts to get his adaptation of Frank's diary produced on the stage.

"Levin was there for the liberation of the camps, and that experience had, I think, a profound impact on him," actor Mick Weber says. "He was not going to stand by and watch the major piece of Jewish writing to come out of World War II get secularized.

"On a larger scale," Weber adds, "I think 'Compulsion' is about how far you're willing to go to fight what you believe is the good fight. When is it all right to compromise, and what do you ultimately think of yourself if you do compromise?"
Brown-nosing brownies

BY VERONICA HINKE
For Sun-Times Media

Boss's Day, Oct. 16, gives everyone the green light to brown nose. And brown-nosing never tasted this good. Debra Yampol, originator of Soul Surfing Pizza in Skokie, has the perfect brownie recipe for fall. Her “Hang 10 Brownies” showcase caramel and pretzels, two popular fall foods.

“Salt, sweet and smooth chocolate; seriously, what could be better?” Yampol asked.

All of the components of the brownies can be made from scratch or by taking short cuts, like melting caramels in a little water to make a drizzle sauce.

Hang 10 Brownies will be available at Soul Surfing Pizza for Boss's Day — and also for Sweetest Day, Oct. 19.

“As much as Boss’s Day is a day to appreciate the boss, Sweetest Day doesn’t discriminate who it celebrates, but rather is a holiday which offers us the opportunity to remember the sick, aged and orphaned, and also friends, relationships, relatives and associates whose helpfulness and kindness we have enjoyed during the past year,” Yampol said.

It’s no surprise that Yampol honors what some call the “greeting card holidays.” She loves them. She once even submitted a recommendation to a well-known greeting card company, suggesting they establish a Grandparents Day. They did. As for Boss’s Day, the first was held in Deerfield 55 years ago. Patricia Bays Haroisk, a secretary for the Illinois Insurance Company in Deerfield, registered National Boss’s Day with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. She chose Oct. 16 — the day Boss’s Day is still annually celebrated — because it was her father’s birthday, and at the time he was also her boss. In 1962, Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner proclaimed Boss’s Day an official holiday.

Debra Yampol of Soul Surfing Pizza in Skokie whips up Hang 10 Brownies to serve for Boss's Day and Sweetest Day.

Hang 10 Brownies

Brownie Batter:
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 2 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 2/1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 3/4 cups unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3/4 teaspoons salt
- 12 ounces milk chocolate chips

Spread batter over chilled caramel and pretzel crust (see separate recipes for caramel and crust). Cook for 30-35 minutes (depending on your oven, you may want to check the brownies after 25 minutes). Add frosting.

Chocolate Frosting:
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 2 ounces unsweetened baking chocolate, melted
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1/8 cup milk

Place first four ingredients in medium mixing bowl. Beat with electric mixer on low speed until well blended. Add milk, one tablespoon at a time, continuously remixing batch until texture is smooth. Add vanilla and mix well. For other bosses, Westcott’s picks from his menu range from healthy to guilty indulgences. For health-conscious bosses, he recommended the Roasted Beet Salad with Goat Cheese, Almonds and Beet Paint. For a guilty indulgence, he suggested the Whitefish Sandwich. Basil, sweet chili vinaigrette and shallots pack the sandwich with flavors that have won the restaurant awards.

But for those still not convinced the holiday is worth their while, consider following in Yampol’s footsteps — submit an idea for a new one.

If you want to treat the boss to lunch on Boss’s Day, Market House on the Square owner suggests the restaurant’s whitefish sandwich.
**THURSDAY, OCT. 10**

**Cinematic Classics: 'Arsenic and Old Lace'**
2 p.m.: This 1944 comedy tells the story of a critic who learns that insanity runs in his family on his wedding day. Starring Cary Grant, Priscilla Lane and Raymond Massey. 118 minutes. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

**Thrilling Thursdays: Kid's Concoctions**
4 p.m.: Create exciting concoctions out of materials you could find in your home. For children in kindergarten through third grade. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Concert:** Fifth House Ensemble
7 p.m.: The cello, flute and piano trio will play selections from Martinu, Villa Lobos, Copland and more. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Dan Cumming**
8 p.m.: The comic, who has appeared on The Tonight Show, The Late Show and Last Comic Standing, performs. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-913-0484. $20.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 11**

**'Star Trek Into Darkness'**
1 p.m.: In this 2013 film, the Enterprise crew tries to stop an alien force from taking over Earth. Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto and Zoe Saldana. 112 minutes. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

**Scream Scene**
7 p.m.: Guests will wind their way through a maze featuring crazed butchers, chainsaw maniacs and ghoulish monsters. Not recommended for children under 10. Guests can watch a haunted house and other Halloween activities. The bus will depart from the Divine Savior parking lot at 11 a.m. Catholic Community of Divine Savior, 7740 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge. Call 708-457-1244. $15-$20.

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**SATURDAY, OCT. 12**

**Pat Roche Feis**
8:20 a.m.: A celebration of Irish dance. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5559 N. River Road, Rosemont.

**Jane Austen Festival**
10 a.m.: In celebration of the 200th anniversary of Austen's Pride and Prejudice, MGPL is sponsoring a Jane Austen Festival with events throughout September and October. Spend a day full of Jane Austen on Oct. 12 with a Make a Jane Austen Shawl activity at 10 a.m., a screening of the 1995 film "Persuasion" at noon and a screening of the 1995 film "Emma" at 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**Kids Concert Series Presents The Boogers**
10 a.m.: Musical trio The Boogers perform a brand of rock 'n roll aimed at kids. Sponsored by Ladd & Lassie. Wilmette Theatre, 122 Central Ave., Wilmette. Call 847-251-7424. $8, includes refreshments.

**MGCL 75th Anniversary Jubilee Concert**
2 p.m.: Celebrating the library's 75th anniversary with the Shamrock Ragsters, who will perform Dixieland, bluegrass, Irish and Celtic tunes on fiddle, Irish flute, Irish whistle, harmonica, banjo and mandolin. Cake and coffee will be served after the concert. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra 40th Anniversary Oktoberfest Celebration**

**MONDAY, OCT. 14**

**'Oz the Great and Powerful'**
1 p.m.: The 2013 film tells the story of a magician who is whisked away to a fantasy land that is in the midst of a struggle between three witches. Starring James Franco, Michelle Williams and Rachel Weisz. 130 minutes. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

**Willy Mason**
8 p.m.: The singer-songwriter performs. Also featuring Lauren Shera. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-482-8860. $10-$18.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 15**

**LitLoung Book Discussion: Tell the Wolves I'm Home**
7 p.m.: The group discusses "Tell the Wolves I'm Home" by Carol Rifka Brunt. LitLoung is a book group co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Public Library and the Skokie Public Library and meets in The Curragh. Learn more about this book discussion group at www.mgpl.org or call 847-965-4220. Curragh Irish Pub, 8266 Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16**

**Teen DIY Craft: Pumpkin Painting**
5 p.m.: Get ready for Halloween by painting a small pumpkin. Instructions and supplies will be provided. Registration is required. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-929-5101.

**H.G. Wells Film Fest 'The Time Machine'**
6:30 p.m.: This 1960 film tells the story of an inventor who travels through time, from the distant past to the far future. Starring Rod Taylor, Al Young and Yvette Mimieux. 103 minutes. Eisenhow Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

**YA Zombie Invasion**
7 p.m.: Get zombified with a fun night of practicing zombie makeup, creating zombie Barbies, and seeing who is brave enough to eat brains. For grades six to 12. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Russ Williamson**
8 p.m.: The comic and "Chicago Fire" actor performs. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 6473 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484. $20.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 17**

**Art Class**
4 p.m.: Children grades two to six are welcome to drop in for an art class taught by the staff of Zanies Brickton Art Center. Registration begins Oct. 5. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Charlie Brown Pumpkin Decorating Class**
6 p.m.: Get into the Halloween spirit by reading "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." Then decorate a pumpkin with paint and creative accessories. Remember to wear old clothing because it may get messy. For ages 2 to 12. Ages 2 to 4 must be accompanied by an adult. Norridge Park, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. Call 708-475-1244. $8-$13.

**Kevin Lurhardt**
7 p.m.: The children's author will discuss his book, "When Edgar Met Cecil," about a family who moves to an unfamiliar town. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-446-8880.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 18**

**Friday Morning Movie Club: Rear Window**
10 a.m.: The 1945 classic tells the story of a photographer trapped in a wheelchair and his fiancée as they secretly watch a neighbor who they suspect of murder. Starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly. 112 minutes. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Nightmare on Olmsted**
7:30 p.m.: Wear your most creative costumes to the Park Ridge Community Women fundraiser benefiting the nursery.

**GO CALENDAR**
BY WRAPPORTS NEWS SERVICE
Rain or Shine! Arts and Crafts
9 a.m.: Depending on the weather, participants will either learn the art of solar painting outdoors or do a craft indoors with natural materials and paint. Morton Grove Historical Museum, 948 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-0203.

Intergalactic Bead & Jewelry Show
10 a.m.: A wide array of precious and semi-precious gemstone beads, sterling silver, freshwater pearls, hand-blown glass beads, vintage beads, crystals, delicas and much more. For more information and a $2 off admission coupon visit www.beadshows.com or call 630-729-6904. Event will be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 19 and 20. $5 Saturday admission; kids under 12 free. White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Call 847-965-0203.

John Caparulo
8 p.m.: The regular on "Chelsea Lately" and host of CMT’s "Mobile Home Disaster" performs. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860. $24-$68.

Autumn Fest
10:30 a.m.: As part of the Sixth Annual Autumn Fest, the library will be celebrating the season with a costumed pet parade and scarecrow making. Please bring old clothes to create your scarecrow. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge.

Journey Unauthorized
8 p.m.: A tribute concert for the legendary rock band. Performers will pay homage to Journey by dressing up and playing their greatest hits from the 1970s. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. $27.50-$97. Call 847-965-4220.

Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles
3 p.m.: Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. $24.50-$59.50. Call 847-965-4220.

Nonfiction Film Discussion: ‘F for Fake’
2 p.m.: The group will watch and discuss Orson Welles’ late career documentary examining the nature of truth, profiling literary hoaxes and art forgers and incorporating anecdotes from Welles’ own infamous radio broadcast of “The War of the Worlds.” Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

Realistic Film Discussion: ‘F for Fake’
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SUNDAY, OCT. 20

Bonnie Raitt
7:30 p.m.: Raitt’s 19th album “Slipstream,” marks her return to the studio after a 17-year absence and celebrates the launch of her own label, Redwing Records. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. $49.50-$75.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, OCT. 20

Bonnie Raitt
7:30 p.m.: Raitt’s 19th album “Slipstream,” marks her return to the studio after a 17-year absence and celebrates the launch of her own label, Redwing Records. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. $49.50-$75.

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Creepy becomes cool at the nature center

BY MYRNA PETLICIU
For Sun-Times Media

There's no reason to be scared of “Things That Go Bump in the Night.” Your family will learn why at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, and 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19.

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For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500, or go to www.skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center.

ADVENTURE UNFOLDS

A teen moves in with her eccentric scientist father and finds herself engaged in a battle between the forces of good and evil in the computer-animated fantasy adventure film, “Epic.” Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., is showing the family movie at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. A treat will be served.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or go to www.nileslibrary.org.

SIMPLY FABULOUS

Aesop’s Fables come to life in American Eagle Productions’ musical, “Fabulous Fable Factory,” 2-2:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Book Market at Hangar One, Glen Town Center, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glenview. Reservations are required.

For details, call (847) 729-7500 or go to www.glenviewpl.org.

Send us your holiday bazaar information

Pioneer Press will publish its annual holiday bazaar roundup in the issue of Nov. 7. To have your bazaar, craft fair or boutique in the listing, please send information about the event, including time, date, venue address and short description, to Susan Parker at sparker@pioneerlocal.com. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 25.
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**HOROSCOPES: OCTOBER 16 — OCTOBER 22**

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A colleague might offer to open a door for you professionally. Before you walk through it, be sure this “favor” isn’t attached to an obligation you might find difficult.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your creativity, your persistence and your reliability could lead to a major career shift. Use your practicality when discussing what the job offers.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A changing situation might require some adjustments you might not have been prepared to make. However, flexibility could be the best course to follow.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You’re in a period of fluctuating moods, which is not unusual for the Moon Child. Your emotions stabilize by the 25th. Try to hold off making major decisions.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** That keen sense of perception helps you hunt down those minute details that others overlook. And, of course, your ego will accept the expected praise with grace.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Be careful not to be confrontational when raising a work-related issue. Better to make a request than a demand. Be prepared to back up your case with facts.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your ego might be hurt when a colleague turns down your offer to help. But accept it as a rejection of your offer, not of you.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A flow of positive energy turns a work project you didn’t want to do into something you actually love doing. Take that attitude into your social, intimate life.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Working hard to meet your professional goals is fine. But don’t neglect your private life, especially with your more cherished relationships.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** “Patience” remains the key word in dealing with an emotionally sensitive situation involving a close friend or family member. Help comes by week’s end.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** With new information coming in, it’s a good time to rethink some of your goals without taking suggestions from others, no matter how well-meaning.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Making progress on your project is relatively easy in the early part of the week. A problem could arise mid-week. But all goes swimmingly once it’s resolved.
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CAR STORY
We want to tell your car story. Email it to matt.schwerha@wrapports.com.

Jim DiBiase's 1967 Dodge Dart

Each week The Doings puts up a piece about car trends in the area courtesy of ToDrive, now we are also featuring the cars being driven! This week Jim DiBiase, of Orland Park, shared his story of his 1967 Dodge Dart. Here's what DiBiase had to say about the car.

"This is the story of my '67 Dodge Dart GT.

When I returned home from the Air Force in '66 I went to Mr. Norm's Grand Spaulding Dodge and purchased my first new car, a '67 Dodge Dart GTS.

In '97 I found my current Dart, it was a pizza delivery car from California in need of a total restoration. I wanted to make a tribute car to resemble the one I had in '67. I removed the tired old slant 6 motor and replaced it with a 440 cubic inch high performance engine I had rebuilt with a lot of modifications. The front end has disc brakes from a '75 Dart and the trans is a 727 auto with a shift kit. I replaced the interior with black velour and the Dart was finished off with an Intense Blue Pearl paint job.

When I was at a car show back in '05 Mr. Norm signed my car "One of a kind, Mr. Norm."

I am a member of the Showcase Motor Club and go to at least one car show every week during the summer months and have racked up about 100 trophies. Back in March I was invited to be in the Meguiar's display at the World of Wheels Car Show."
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San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick reminds many fans of former 49ers signal caller and Hall of Famer Steve Young. But what they have in common extends well beyond their similar styles on the field. In college, both played in the Western Athletic Conference — Young at BYU, Kaepernick at Nevada. Both ended up starring for the 49ers. Both were engaged in quarterback controversies before securing the job. And both QBs they replaced were traded to the Kansas City Chiefs — Joe Montana in 1993 and Alex Smith 20 years later.

The legal driving age in most states is 16. That makes Cole Custer’s accomplishment even more amazing. Custer took the checkered flag at the Park Be Inspired 150 at the Iowa Speedway in August of 2013. He was 15 years old at the time. The victory after 150 miles of racing made Custer the youngest winner in NASCAR K&N Pro Series history. By the way, the legal age for acquiring a driver’s instruction permit in Iowa is 14.

There’s a new position in pro football — OW. That was the official designation given by Jacksonville to multiple-threat rookie Denard Robinson, who will be used as a receiver, running back and even quarterback. What does OW stand for? Offensive Weapon. St. Louis rookie Tavon Austin should receive the same designation. In college at West Virginia, Austin rushed for 344 yards in his first game as a running back — against Oklahoma no less — caught 14 passes for 215 yards in a game against Baylor, and returned kicks for touchdowns in both his freshman and senior years.

Toyota ranks first in July sales

In the month of July, Niles residents opted to purchase Toyota vehicles more often than any other auto brand. Toyota topped the sales charts with 50 of the 315 total sales (all car brands) to Niles residents. The breakdown of the 50 total Toyota sales was 19 new and 31 used over the course of the month.

Ford, which accounted for a total of 45 sales, was the second most popular car brand sold to Niles residents in July. The breakdown of the 45 total Ford purchases in July was 27 pre-owned vehicles and 18 new vehicles. Nissan took third place on the list of most popular auto brands, totaling 32 sales — 14 used and 18 new.

Overall, Niles residents purchased a total of 315 cars and trucks in the month of July (all brands) — 174 used vehicles and 141 new vehicles. Toyota was the most popular brand purchased new (19 purchases) in the month. Nissan and Ford also made a good showing in the new car sales category, with 18 sales each.

Toyota led the way in the used sales category with 31 total sales in the month. Ford and Chevrolet also made a good showing in pre-owned sales, with 27 and 15 sales, respectively.

Over the course of the month, local dealers accounted for 69 percent of overall car sales to Niles residents, while private parties accounted for 31 percent of auto sales. The top dealership selling to Niles residents in July was Golf Mill Ford with 24 total sales, followed by Star Nissan, Bredemann Toyota and Sherman Dodge.
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Proano makes the most of his time as Dons LB

Three-year starter a leader on defense along with Sora

BY KEN RYAN
For Sun-Times Media, @KenRyan5

LAGRANGE PARK — Notre Dame senior Dan Proano started playing football when he was 9. He'd have liked to have started even earlier.

"I was always asking my parents if I could play football and they would always say, 'We don't want you to get hurt,'" Proano said. "I told them I really wanted to play and they finally let me. I didn't get a chance to play when I wanted to, but I love playing now."

Proano has shined in the sport from the start. The 6-foot-2, 220-pound linebacker is an impact player for the Dons (5-1 overall) in his third season as a starter. He earns the praise of his coach for his work off the field, too.

"He's a great kid," Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey said. "He's a 3.9 (grade-point average) in his third season as a starter. It's great to have him around, the Blue Demons' offensive system his entire life. His father, Maine East coach Gabe Corey, is the team's offensive coordinator and the veteran coach said he started Woody Corey at quarterback Friday against Niles North because of his son's understanding of the team's offense.

"Still, the converted wide receiver spent the week leading up to the Blue Demons' game against the Vikings working overtime with his dad and brother Alex Corey, a senior, at their home in Des Plaines.

"Football "doesn't stop after practice," Woody Corey said. "We'll go over the plays or (Gabe Corey) will talk about what we think would work and what won't work by watching film and stuff. Then, with my brother, since he's been out (with a left knee injury) — this week especially — he's been trying to give advice to not just me, but the whole team, just trying to keep everyone positive. Last week, with Christian (Lopez) playing quarterback, it was the same kind of thing, trying to give him pointers of how to take control of the team and stuff like that."

"Woody Corey said he and his older brother also discussed specifics of the position. They went over different plays and focused on fundamentals like the steps the quarterback takes on handoffs. Woody Corey, who stands 5-foot-8, also said he and his brother went over some of Maine East's passing plays and the different reads the quarterback makes when he drops back.

Maine East's Woody Corey looks to hand the ball off during Friday's home game against Niles North. Corey was making his first ever start at quarterback. The Blue Demons play host Friday to Highland Park. | TIM BOYLE/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
Paek brothers help Titans advance to sectional

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NORTHBROOK — After the Notre Dame boys golf team posted the lowest team score in program history at the Glenbrook North Regional, longtime Dons coach Bob Beckman talked about the goals he set for his team entering the regional at Sportsman's Country Club.

One of Beckman's goals was to shoot 310 or better Tuesday so that the Dons would give themselves a good chance of advancing to the sectional for the first time in school history. They finished with a 305 and earned a spot in the Marist Sectional by finishing second as a team. Beckman's other goal was for the team to play steady, he said, and not let bad holes or bad shots affect subsequent holes.

Junior David Steinle, the team's No. 1 player, did just that. He began his round struggling to hit his driver accurately. He kept his composure, though, and quickly adjusted.

"I kind of realized on the second or third hole that I couldn't hit my driver, so I kind of switched it up then," said Steinle, who shot a 73. "This course isn't that long, so I just hit my 3-iron. I hit that more consistent and I was able to put it in the fairway."

Steinle finished with the third-lowest score at the regional thanks in part to the adjustment. He largely kept his 3-iron straight and relied on the parts of his game — his chip shots and approach shots — which were locked in Tuesday.

Junior Jason Paek was also part of the Titans' regional lineup for three straight years. Going into this year's Glenbrook North Regional he provided his younger brother with some advice about playing postseason golf.

"He told me to just stay positive, don't let bad holes affect you and that sort of stuff," said Kevin Paek, a freshman. "It really helped. It really helped me shoot a better score."

Kevin Paek said his brother's advice stuck in his head throughout his round on Tuesday. One such example was on the par-4 18th hole when Kevin Paek misjudged his distance and sent his approach shot sailing over the green. The freshman's ball settled in the cart path area near the clubhouse.

"I couldn't believe I had done that," said Kevin Paek, who set for his 3-iron and managed to shake that bad shot off and finish his round with what he called "a good double" bogey en route to a 77.

The Paeks had their scores counted in the Titans' team total of 311 — Jason Paek shot a 76 — and they helped Glenbrook South advance as a team to the Marist Sectional, which is scheduled to take place at Old Oak Country Club in Homer Glen on Monday.

Putting practice

Glenbrook North senior Nick Hardy was the talk of the regional among the tournament's players and spectators as he posted a 5-under 35 on the front nine en route to a 5-under 65. Hardy was the meet's medalist by six shots over Maine East junior Orion Yamat, but Yamat also showed he has the ability to shoot very low scores.

Yamat shot a 1-under 34 on the front nine, but he missed a putt of less than five feet on both the 10th and 11th holes. He finished with a 1-over par 71, but the junior standout called his round "about average" and said that he'll focus on his putting as he prepares for the sectional.

Swing adjustment

Maine South junior Anthony Celiano, the Hawks' No. 1 golfer since the team's preseason tryouts, has spent part of this season tinkering with his swing with swing coach Eric Pick.

"I was swaying my hips a lot, which would tend for the ball to start out way right and then draw back in," Celiano said. "I worked on coiling more with my coach and it's getting better. It's slowly getting better."

Celiano said his swing has been improving due to a lot of practice, especially by doing swing drills with Pick where he focuses on keeping his chest down and slowing his hips a little bit.

Those swing changes paid off at the regional as Celiano shot an even-par 35 on the front nine en route to a round of 76. He will be joined by Hawks senior Joey Mirebelli at the sectional. Mirebelli shot a 75 on Tuesday.

Glenbrook North's Nick Hardy finished first, with a score of 65, at Tuesday's Class 3A regional at Sportsman's Country Club in Northbrook.
Boys Golf Regional Notebook

Connelly on track to get back to state

Wildkits move one step closer to snapping state tournament drought

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WINNETKA — New Trier’s Will Connelly was an alternate for New Trier at the Class 3A boys golf state tournament last season, and coach Pete Drevline inserted him into the lineup for the second round.

But Connelly only got to play three holes at The Den at Fox Creek before rain suspended play and forced the IHSA to cancel the round altogether.

“It was the coolest thing to play there,” Connelly said of his brief holes at The Den at Fox Creek before highschoolcubenews.com

Trier at Winnetka Golf Club, with a 16-team tournament hosted by New

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On Tuesday at the Class 3A New
Trier Regional at Winnetka Golf
Club, the junior tied for the low
round of the day with a 2-over 73. He
lost to Loyola senior Mikey Abrahamson on the third playoff hole.

“I definitely was shaky at the beginning of the day,” Connelly said.

“Things are going well, and I’m finding the right tempo with my swing. Most importantly, I’m mentally confident.”

Long time coming

Jackson Mihevc said he wasn’t sharp with his ball-striking Tuesday, but he managed to make the most out of his round.

The Evanston senior shot a 4-over 75 to tie for third and help the Wildkits to a 302, which earned them their first regional title since 1996.

“I was grinding,” said Mihevc, who rallied after a 5-over 40 on the front nine. “I didn’t have my A game, but I did what I had to do.”

Mihevc said the victory over New Trier and third-place Loyola arms Evanston with confidence going into Monday’s sectional. The Wildkits haven’t played at the state tournament as a team since the 1989-90 school year.

“This is not something that happens to us all the time, so I think we have some momentum,” he said. “We know now we can beat them (Loyola and New Trier).”

Wildkits senior Charlie Casati matched Mihevc with a 75 Tuesday. Senior Henry Gruger and junior Sam Knepper both followed with 76s.

“We’ve been trying and fighting to compete with (Loyola and New Trier), and we’ve been so close,” Evanston coach Jed Curtis said. “We knew one day we were going to do it. We’ve been knocking on the door, and we never gave up hope.”

Big win

Not long after one of his best friends, Glenbrook North senior Nick Hardy, won a regional title at Sportsman’s Country Club in Northbrook, Loyola senior Mikey Abrahamson did the same at Winnetka Golf Club.

Abrahamson tied Connelly with a 73 through 18 holes and then outlasted the New Trier junior with a par on the third playoff hole.

“I felt like I should have won it earlier,” said Abrahamson, who has verbally committed to Wisconsin.

“I’m happy I won, but it was more important the team advanced.”

The Ramblers qualified for the Marist Sectional with a 314.

It was Abrahamson’s first regional championship. Abrahamson called the victory — his second of the season — probably the biggest of his career. He captured the CCL championship as a junior.

Individual Wolves moving on

Despite missing out on the sectional tournament as a team, Niles West qualified four players at Winnetka Golf Club.

Senior Nate Lee led the way with a 76. Sophomore Skyler LeVine (82), junior Bennett Underwood (80) and senior Patrick Corlaciu (92) all advanced to the Marist Sectional.

Oppenheimer leads Niles North

Senior Zach Oppenheimer paced the Vikings with a 96. He missed out on advancing as an individual by three strokes. Niles North took seventh with a 449.
Niles West's Christian Cervantes (23) attempts to intercept a pass with Waukegan's Daybreyon Cook draped over him Saturday afternoon in Waukegan. Cervantes was not able to pick off the throw. 1 KEYN TANKA FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

**Film study helps Wolves**

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WAUKEGAN — An undefeated record sometimes requires a break or two.

The Niles West football team may have caught its biggest break yet when the sky opened up during halftime of its Saturday contest against Waukegan.

Lightning forced players and fans alike to take cover, and when the teams finally returned to the field nearly an hour later, driving rains quickly sent them scrambling once again, ultimately postponing the final stanza until Sunday. When the teams returned to Weiss Field, Niles West pulled out a 37-22 victory.

“Let them play,” Baum said.

“We were probably over-coached (Saturday) and took our kids out of position to make some plays and we just let them play football (Sunday),” said D-lime, who was preparing to also play free safety.

In the first half, Niles West (6-0 overall, 2-0 CSL South) keyed in on Waukegan star receiver Jadel Darrif, allowing Daybreyon Cook to emerge. The Wolves balanced their coverage in the second half.

“Our coaches just emphasized our jobs,” Pignato said. “Our whole D-line is supposed to go and tackle the fullback and our outside guys are supposed to tackle the quarterback and then corners and safeties are going to come down and scoop up the tailback right behind him.”

And so it was that under a clear sky Sunday, Niles West — which plays host Friday to Maine South (4-2, 2-0) — outscored Waukegan 27-8.

“Yesterday, everyone was so worried about losing and not going 6-0, and today we were so happy we have to win,” Galanopoulos said. “We had a lot better sense of urgency. Everyone came out fired up. I don’t know if that’s a good night’s rest. We just came out fired up. We played well and we just got the W.”

**Granato stops foes from keying entirely on Wade**

**BY ERIC VAN DRIL**
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PARK RIDGE — Niles North junior Tony Granato tore a ligament in his left shoulder and partially separated it while trying to make a tackle in practice as the Vikings prepared to play Glenbrook South.

The prognosis was bleak when Granato initially went to the doctor.

“When the doctor first analyzed the injury, he told me the season was probably going to be over, unless I got on my rehab,” said Granato, who was the team’s starting quarterback for the first three weeks of the season and was preparing to also play free safety against the Titans when he was injured. “I’m young, so it healed extra fast.”

Granato didn’t have to run very much against Maine East, but Niles North coach Mark Egofske said Granato was likely run more in the coming weeks. Egofske added that he anticipated sticking with a two-quarterback system, but additional plays will be added into the offense for Granato.

“There’s no doubt that Granato’s got a little bit more quick to him and some of the offense we didn’t even have in, some of our veer option, that wasn’t even in there to use to his advantage,” Egofske said. “He worked pretty damn hard to get that (shoulder) back going. We’re fortunate to have him at this point, no doubt.”

SENIOR LARRY bluffing time at quarterback with senior Charlie Long, and he played like he never missed any action. Granato went 3-for-6 passing for 51 yards.

He threw a touchdown as time expired in the first half, and he ran for 12 yards on three carries in Niles North’s 41-0 victory. The Vikings improved to 3-8 overall and 2-0 in the CSL North.

Although Granato’s statistics weren’t overwhelming, he helped open up the running game for sophomore Barrington Wade, who finished with 232 yards on 20 carries.

Instead of Maine East’s defense being able to key solely on Wade, the Blue Demons had to respect Granato’s ability to keep the ball and make plays with his feet. Granato played three series in the first half against Maine East, and the Vikings — who play host to Glenbrook North (3-3, 2-0) on Friday — scored touchdowns on all three of those drives.

With junior back at QB, Maine East had to contend with more than just RB

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